

THE GAZETTE.

SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 20, 1858.
UNFORTUNATE CIVILITY.

There is nothing like an obliging disposition, I said to myself one day, when traveling in a railway car from Boston to Worcester, seeing a gentleman put himself to considerable trouble to land another gentleman who had fallen asleep, at his destination, "Passengers for West Needham!" cried out the conductor; "the car stops but one minute."

"Hallo!" exclaimed a young man in spectacles, at the same time seizing an old gentleman by the shoulder who was sleeping very soundly, "here's Capt. Holmes asleep and this is West Needham where he lives. Come get up, Capt. Holmes, here you are."

The gentleman got upon his feet, and began to rub his eyes, but the young man forced him along to the door of the car, and gently laid him on the road side. "Whiz, whiz, went the train, and we began to fly again. The obliging young man took his seat again, and said with a good deal of satisfaction to somebody near him:

"Well, it had been for me Capt. Holmes would have missed his home finally. But here he has left his bundles," and the young man picked up a paper parcel and threw it out. "Well," he said again, "if it hadn't been for me Capt. Holmes would have missed his bundles finally."

When we stopped at the station a lady began to rummage under the seat where Capt. Holmes had been sitting and exclaimed in great alarm:

"I can't find my bundle."

"Was it done up in a piece of brown paper?" I asked.

"Yes, it was to be sure," said the lady.

"Then," said I, "that young man yonder at the last stopping place, threw it out of the window."

This led to a scene between the obliging young man and the old lady, which ended by the former taking the address of the latter, and promising to return the parcel in a few days, provided he should ever find it.

"Well," said the obliging young man, "Catch me doing a good natured thing again. What can I do for that old woman, if I cannot find her bundle?"

"Whiz went the steam, ding, ding, ding, went the bell, the dust flew, and the car flew, as they say, lightning, till we stopped again at the next station—I forgot the name of it now, but it would be of no consequence if I could remember it. An old gentleman started up and began to poke under the seat where Capt. H. had sat."

"What are you looking for?" I inquired.

"I'm looking for my bundle of clothes," said the old gentleman.

"Was it tied up in a yellow handkerchief?" I asked.

"Yes, and nothing else," said the old man.

"Good heavens!" exclaimed the obliging young man, "I threw it out of the car at Needham! I thought it belonged to Capt. Holmes!"

"Capt. Holmes!" exclaimed the old fellow, with a look of despair, "who is Capt. Holmes? That bundle contained all my clean clothes that I was to wear at my son's wedding to-morrow. Dear me! what can I do?"

Nothing could be done but to give his address to the obliging young man as before, and console himself with the promise that the bundle should be returned, provided it should be found. The obliging young man was now in despair, and made another solemn vow that he would never be obliging again. The next station was his landing place, and as he went towards the door of the car he saw a silver-headed cane, which he took hold of and read the inscription on it, "M. J. Holmes, East Needham."

"Well," exclaimed the obliging young man, "if there isn't Capt. Holmes's case."

"Yes," said a gentleman who got in at the last station, "and the old fellow is lame, too. He will miss his stick."

"Do you know him?" inquired the obliging young gentleman.

"Know him?" I should think so," replied the gentleman; "he is my uncle."

"And does he live at East Needham?" asked the obliging young man.

"Of course he does; he never lived any where else."

"Well, if it didn't beat everything," said the obliging young gentleman; "and I put him out at West Needham, a mile and a half the other side of his home."

The Literary Gazette pronounces Irving as industrious as Scott. The same remark would apply to Bryant, who has returned from Europe, and is again at his Post as busy as a bee. P.oe once said that with all his passions, poetry was not a purpose, but a passion. The truth is, literature in this country is little understood as a pursuit. Writers here procure their livelihood as best they can, in trade or otherwise, and turn to authorship, not as a profession, but as an amusement. Thus except in a very few instances, the gifted spirits of this "land of commercial princes" pass all their days and nights in the business of journalism, because the business pays better than writing books; while others engage in the calling of lawyers, physicians, bankers, brokers, or merchants, whom you will find at their counting-houses.

"Busy in the cotton trade and sugar line."

This is all right and proper; and we like it none the less because it obtains on this side of the sea. A distinguished English author recently noticed this fact, and concluded an article on the literary men of the United States in these words: "They are often employed in other matters. In one case, when I desired to find a man of great comic humor, of whose quips and original papers I had heard in Europe, I was obliged to dive down into a store where they sold assorted pig kn; and in another instance I found one of the noblest poets of our time in the back office of a bank in Boston, (of which he was the cashier), discounting bills payable at sixty days after date. Here you would seek such men at the clubs; there you will find them either in similar places to those I have mentioned, or in the printing offices of the daily and weekly press."

FASHIONABLE DANCING.—PHENIX HALL.—Professor JOHN L. BAKER, respectfully announces to the citizens of Alexandria and vicinity, that his first course of instruction will expire on the 25th inst.

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COURT NOTICES.

VIRGINIA.—At Rules held in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Alexandria County, on the 27th day of September, 1858, Elias W. Kitchener & Sidney Brun, copartners, trading under the firm name of Kitchener & Brun, plaintiffs, vs. Thomas Coyle & James Coyle, late copartners under the firm of Thomas Coyle & Co., Samuel Ferguson Beach, Wm. C. Yeaton, John W. Burke & Arthur Herbert, copartners under the firm of Burke & Herbert, Henry Callan, Augustus Douglas, John Watkins, Jeremiah McCarthy & McCarthy, copartners, under the firm of Jeremiah McCarthy & Co., Felix McFall, Bernard Daily & Charles Flood, defendants.—In Chancery. The object of this suit is to ascertain the liens upon the real estate of the defendants, Thomas Coyle & Co., and to obtain a decree for the sale of said real estate, to pay off said liens. The defendants, Henry Callan, Jeremiah McCarthy & McCarthy, copartners, under the firm of McCarthy & Co., Felix McFall, Bernard Daily and Charles Flood, not having entered their appearance and not appearing by satisfactory evidence that the said Henry Callan is not an inhabitant of this Commonwealth, and that diligence has been used in behalf of the complainants to ascertain in what county or counties in the State of Virginia, the defendants, Jeremiah McCarthy & McCarthy, copartners, under the firm of McCarthy & Co., Felix McFall, Bernard Daily and Charles Flood, now are, without effect, therefore it is ordered, that the said defendants appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in some newspaper published in the town of Alexandria, once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County. A Copy.—Teste: B. H. BERRY, Clerk. oct 25-4w

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CAUTION.—We beg leave to caution purchasers of our choice OLD MONONGAHELA WHISKIES, against the deception and petty fraud which is practised by certain parties in this city and in Baltimore, who have appropriated to themselves the names of the Star Brands, and are now endeavouring to pass off their cheap and inferior liquors, as being the genuine Old Whiskies. We can assure our friends and customers, that the unvarnished quality, every where acknowledged, of our choice OLD WHISKIES, cannot be equalled by these ingenious invaders of our rights.

Our new establishment, GIBSON'S MOUNTAIN, on the Monongahela River, gives unparalleled facilities for the production of the choicest brands of pure malted and kiln-dried grain.

Purchasers of our Old Whiskies will please to notice, the words GIBSON'S MOUNTAIN, and JONAS GIBSON, SOSS & CO., are inserted in the new brands which we now adopt; and we deem it due to our customers and ourselves, to give notice, that we will prosecute and expose any person or persons who may hereafter copy or use our Brand.

JOHN GIBSON, SOSS & CO., Philadelphia, Oct 11-4ly

YOUNG LADIES' INSTITUTE.—The Ninth Annual Session of this Institution, for the instruction of Young Ladies, will commence on Monday, September 13th.

The Exercises will be conducted by the Principal and his wife, aided by competent Assistants in the several departments.

Those pupils who expect to become teachers, will, in addition to the usual instruction upon special advice and instruction upon special topics and subjects as relate directly to the Profession of Teaching.

Courses of Lectures upon the Sciences, will be delivered during the year.

Further information respecting the Institution, may be obtained by application to SYLVESTER SCOTT, PRINCIPAL.

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